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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in this connexion I wish to submit that I had given a memorandum to Dr. Krishna Rao during the last session regarding the difficulties of the T.B.T. Motor workers in Palghat. May I know from the Hon. Labour Minister if the minimum wages clause is not implemented by the management, whether it is not the duty of the Government to see that minimum wages are paid to the workers and are Government aware that in this particular Motor Company the workers are forced to work for more hours and are denied all facilities that are given by other motor companies? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have already stated that the Conciliation Labour Officer has been at this. If the workers or their union makes a representation on all these the Labour Officer will surely look into it."

Grant of permission for neera in the suburban areas of Madras.

8-30 a.m. * 899 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether permission for neera has been granted in the suburban areas of Madras City;

(*b*) if so, the places for which permission has been granted;

(*c*) the reasons for abolishing neera parlour near the Assembly Chamber last year; and

(*d*) the daily average number of members who were attending the Neera Parlour?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) A neera parlour was opened last year near the Assembly Chamber to cater neera to the Members of the Legislature during the Budget Session of the Assembly and it was closed after Budget Session of the Assembly was over.

" (*d*) About 1,000."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, இப்போது சென்னையிலே பனஞ்சாறுக்குப் பதிலாக கள்ளு விற்கப்படுகிறது. எனவே கள்ளு எந்த இடத்திலிருந்து சென்னையில் சப்ளை செய்யப்படுகிறது என்பதை ஆட்சியாளர் அறிவார்களா ? இனியாவது இந்த நீரா பார்லரை அசெம்பிளி சேம்பரிலே வைப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கத்திற்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா என்பதுபற்றி அறிய விரும்பு கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This session is going to be over shortly and we will consider the suggestion during the next session."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Neera has to be tapped during a particular season when the trees yield this juice. In view of the categorical assurance given by the former Minister in charge of Prohibition that he would consider the question of granting permission for tapping neera if the Members of the Assembly gave an undertaking that so far as their districts were concerned they would not misuse the permission, a representation was made to him to

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grant permission for tapping neera. May I know what has happened to that representation and whether the Government will grant permission at least in respect of the Chingleput district? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Every application is examined and it will be decided on its own merits."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the neera parlour is closed for this session, is it due to the influence brought by the canteen contractor on the Government to close the parlour as his business began to fall? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no truth in the allegation made by the hon. Member."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that hon. Members of this House indulged in excessive drinking of this neera and thereby lost their balance? " (Laughter.)

Integration of the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicines.

* 900 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to integrate the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicines in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine for teaching purposes and for treatment in the Hospital attached to the College?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Do the Government consider it desirable to integrate these different systems of medicine which have entirely different methods of approach so far as diagnosis and treatment are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are certain factors common to these three different systems of medicine and steps are now being taken to prepare integrated lectures on fundamentals of these systems."

Analysis of soil in the State.

* 901 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any soil analysis has been done in any part of the State; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken for preventing soil erosion in any part of the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Analysis of soils has been carried out in the following areas :—

(1) Delta area of Tanjore.

(2) Periyar tract in Madurai district.

(3) Malabar district.